Protection of historical monuments in Maharashtra

*514. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Maharashtra for financial assistance for the protection of historical monuments there;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the location-wise details of each project; and

(c) what is the status of these proposals and the funds allocated for these monuments during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Archaeological Survey of India has no scheme for grant of financial assistance to State Governments for protection of historical monuments and has not received any such proposal from the Government of Maharashtra.

There is a Scheme for financial assistance for preservation of monuments less than 100 years old. Only registered societies/public trusts are eligible for the assistance. State Governments/Union Territories/local authorities are not entitled for assistance under this scheme.

Central control over rivers and ground water

*515. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Second Administrative Reforms Commission has suggested framing of radical national law to centralize control over rivers and ground water in order to address emerging conflicts;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any serious efforts have been made by Government to find out solution of Cauvery water dispute so that conflicts between the people of States could be avoided and matter does not become political; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and position taken by both the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) In chapter 5 of its Seventh Report, containing water related issues, the Second Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended that in order to develop, conserve, utilize and manage water on the basis of a framework that incorporates long term perspectives, a national water law should be enacted.

The Report does not mention any specific suggestion about "framing of radical national law to centralize control over river and ground water in order to address the emerging conflicts".

(c) and (d) The dispute relating to Cauvery water among the States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry was referred to the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) constituted on 2nd June 1990 under the Inter State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act 1956. The Tribunal passed an Interim Order on 25th June, 1991 which was published in the official gazette by the Government of India under Section 6(1) of the ISRWD Act, 1956